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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 6-22 without prejudice.

1. (Original) A reagent for measuring a concentration of an analyte in a hemoglobin-containing biological fluid, comprising

a) a flavin-dependent enzyme that has a flavin bound to it and that has specificity for the analyte,

✓ b) a tetrazolium dye precursor,

✓ c) an electron transfer agent, and

✓ d) a nitrite salt.

✓ 2. (Original) The reagent of claim 1 in which the analyte is glucose and the enzyme is glucose oxidase.

3. ✓ (Original) The reagent of claim 1 in which the dye precursor is water-soluble.

4. ✓ (Original) The reagent of claim 1 in which the electron transfer agent comprises phenazine methosulfate (PMS) or an analog thereof.

5. (Original) The reagent of claim 1 further comprising a divalent metal stabilizer.

6.-22. (Cancelled)

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